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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Laurie J. White** (HC00142939). White's credential to practice as a certified nursing assistant in Oregon was suspended for heroin use.

Clallam County

In December 2008 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of **Michael J. Lucas** (MD00017046). Lucas engaged in various types of disruptive behavior that either distracted staff, or had the potential to distract staff from providing good and safe care to patients.

Clark County

In November 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Bret Jarvis** (RN00093705). Jarvis surrendered his nursing license to the Oregon nursing board.

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In November 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Patricia S. Johnson** (RN00082913). Johnson surrendered her nursing license to the Oregon nursing board.

In November 008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of **Joyce E. Pivetti** (RN.RN.00160002). Pivetti was convicted of first degree theft. She surrendered her license to practice nursing in Oregon to the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Tamara Sue Sharp** (RN00137834). Sharp's license to practice nursing in Oregon was suspended.

Island County

In November 2008 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Program indefinitely suspended the credential of IV/airway technician **Robert A. McCardle** (ES00116987). McCardle failed to comply with previous terms set against his credential.

King County

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Marcia D. Chase** (RN00089992). Chase's license to practice nursing in Oregon was suspended.

In December 2008 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Paul. F. Genung** (DE00003370) to continue the suspension of his dental license for six months. Genung must comply with terms and conditions. His license was summarily suspended in August for substandard practices when prescribing controlled substances.

In November 2008 the Secretary of Health withdrew charges against registered counselor **Jay L. Gilmour** (RC00057043).

In November 2008 the Veterinary Board of Governors accepted the license surrender of **Charles C. Kruger** (VT00000948). Kruger wrote more than three dozen controlled substance prescriptions for a dog without examining him. He also wrote a prescription for himself.

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Farley Milan** (HCA.HC.00144341). Milan was convicted of third degree assault with sexual motivation.

In November 2008 the Psychology Board suspended the license of **George W. Recknagel, Jr.** (PY00002604). Recknagel failed to comply with previous terms set against his license.

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Kittitas County

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program and Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credentials of **Jessica Milligan** (HC00143801, NA00160956). Milligan stole prescription forms and used them to obtain drugs without authorization. She was convicted of possessing stolen property. She's also known as Jessica Millihan.

Okanogan County

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Nucobey Nelson** (NC10101202). Nelson practiced outside her scope by administering medications to a patient.

Pierce County

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Patricia L. Kelly** (NC10079827). Kelly used rough verbal direction and assertive physical contact to control a patient's reaction and slapped the patient's hands.

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Cheri Toomey** (NA00183740). Toomey attempted to steal household items from her place of employment.

Snohomish County

In November 2008 the Registered Counselor Program suspended the credential of **Damon G. Overby** (RC00051332). Overby was convicted of several criminal assaults. His license was on a stayed suspension due to earlier criminal conduct.

Spokane County

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Nora J. Jordan** (RN00103195). Jordan's license to practice nursing was in Idaho was revoked.

In December 2008 the Medical Commission summarily suspended the license of **Gregory Terrell** (MD00045934). Terrell is prohibited from practicing medicine in Illinois for defaulting on his student loans.

Thurston County

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **James R. Pollard** (NC10085152). Pollard was convicted of threats to bomb or injure property.

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Whatcom County

In November 2008 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Terri Woods** (VA00019889). Woods diverted drugs from her place of employment. She also falsified prescriptions and approved refills of the prescriptions.

Out of State

Arkansas: In December 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Shane G. Roberts** (RN00153880). Roberts' license to practice nursing in New Mexico was revoked.

Idaho: In December 2008 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the license of pharmacist **Jason Jungert** (PH00039062). Jungert's license to practice as a pharmacist in Idaho was suspended.

Idaho: In November 2008 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Michael J. Sahlie** (RN00124994). Sahlie worked as a nurse with an expired license. He also substituted a patient's medication to cover up missing tablets intended to be wasted.

Michigan: In December 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Rebecca B. Peek** (RN00175021). Peek's license to practice nursing in Oregon was suspended.

Oregon: In November 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Laura Cassily** (RN.RN.00143704). Cassily's license to practice nursing was suspended by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Oregon: In November 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Laurencetta Hawkins** (LP00052753). Hawkins surrendered her nursing license to the Oregon nursing board.

Oregon: In December 2008 the Medical Commission accepted the license surrender of physician assistant **Theoul Thuch** (PA10001757). Thuch falsely charted and billed for five client home visits that did not occur.

Utah: In November 2008 the Board of Hearing and Speech withdrew the statement of charges against hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Steven H. Howell** (HA00000542).

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